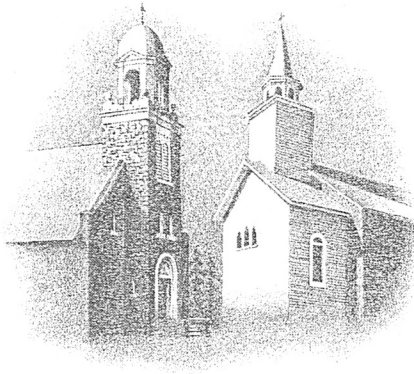
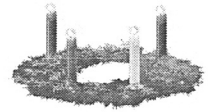

Sunday, December 8, 2013
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**The Catholic
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St. John the Evangelist**

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and

St. Brigid

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HOSPITALITY REDISCOVERED

Throughout the Scriptures we find a large emphasis of practicing hospitality. There are many instances where people, when they are welcoming to strangers, find themselves in the presence of the Divine.

Becoming deeply welcoming is a sign that we as a community are alive. It starts with each of us praying for the willingness to allow others into our lives. So many people need to receive our gift – newcomers to our parish, people who are handicapped in any way, those suffering from a recent death in their families, the frail elderly – and so many others. But be aware that often there is a high cost to being deeply welcoming, and that is the reason so many of us stay locked in our own small worlds. Allowing others into our lives can cost us time, energy, even money. It can disturb us when the one whom we welcome is in deep pain and intense suffering.

We need always to keep our eyes on Jesus, if we wish to live lives that embrace the stranger and the outsider. Deep hospitality is not so much something we do as the way we live. It calls us out of ourselves and our precious security, and plunges us into the human community of all of God's daughters and sons.

MASS INTENTIONS

St. John

Sunday, December 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Soul of Joe McEwen, by Lillian O'Rourke

Thurs., December 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Parishioners of St. John & St. Brigid

**Penitential Service 7:30 p.m. at
St. John's church**

Friday, December 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Soul of Delores Martin, by Pat McEvoy

Sunday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Soul of Catharina Broeren, by Ted Broeren and family

St. Brigid

Saturday, December 7 at 5:00 p.m.

Soul of Ron Beehler, by Gen Beehler and family

Sunday, December 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Mass in Thanksgiving, by John and Toni Berkers

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 5:00 p.m.

Soul of Jessie LaPage, by Their daughters

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

Living and deceased members of the Van Delst family, by John and Toni Berkers

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession):**

- Saturday at **St. Brigid** from 4:30 to 4:45 p.m.
- Sundays at **St. John** from 8:30 to 8:45 a.m.

Parish News and Community Life

ST. BRIGID'S LADIES AUXILIARY

Thank you to those who helped make our fall bazaar a great success, we raised \$3,367. We have sent \$1,000 to the Philippines relief aid; \$500 to ROSSS; \$500 to Osgoode Food Cupboard; \$500 to support our Chalice child. The Ladies auxiliary have paid for the new furnace and installation at the cost of \$9,486. A Special *thank you* to John Kelly as we appreciate the dedication for his volunteer hours working with the installation and duct work.

Please note: Inside your offertory box of envelopes is a form for the 2014 census, please fill in the information and return with your first envelope of 2014. Census forms are available at the entrance of the church. Please put your form in the collection basket. *Thank you*

ST. JOHN'S CLOTHING DEPOT

The Clothing Depot will be closed from **Dec. 15, 2013 to Jan. 3, 2014** to allow for the preparation of Christmas Food Baskets. Please note that **donations can not be accepted** at the Church during that period as the Depot will be inaccessible. We will be accepting donations of new or gently used clothing on **Jan. 4**. A reminder that we do not have the capability to clean soiled/stained clothing or to repair torn/damaged items. In addition, our space is limited therefore we are unable to keep household items (dishes, small appliances, cookware, etc.) electronics or toys. It would be very much appreciated if you would either take these donations to such charities as the Salvation Army, Good will, or Value Village. *Thank you*

HOT APPLE CIDER – Saturday, December 14

Join us for a reception with the parishioners and guests after the 5 p.m. mass at **St. Brigid's church** to enjoy fellowship served with Hot Apple Cider and home made Christmas baking.

TOILETRIES DRIVE FOR MISSIONS

Every year Kelly Funeral Homes and Capital Memorial Gardens have helped the Ottawa Mission and Shepherds of Good Hope collect items like tooth paste, soap, shampoo, razors, etc for those less fortunate. To donate please bring to the nearest Kelly Funeral Homes or to Capital Memorial.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

At Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, 1940 Saunderson Dr., **Sun. Dec. 8, 1:30-3:00 p.m.**, dessert and coffee will be served. Admission: good will offering.

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Brigid: \$ 1,241.45

St. John: \$ 1,708.00

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

ST. JOHN: *Tuesday, December 24 (Children's Mass) 6:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, December 25 10:00 a.m.

ST. BRIGID: *Tuesday, December 24 8:00 p.m.*

Wednesday, Dec. 25, 10:00 am at St. John the Evangelist

Clothing Depot

Open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Coordinator: Wilda Corcoran at 613-821-3730.

Food Bank

Open Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

Coordinators: Len or Denise Herbert at 613-821-1481.

Hospitality

St. Brigid – if you know of a parishioner who is ill, or has suffered a loss, and would appreciate receiving a card, please call Sharon Van Schyndel at 613-489-0247.

Baptisms

Upon Request. A baptism preparation course is required.

Marriage

Please notify the parish office at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Our St. Brigid Community

St. Brigid Parish Council*

Deanna Kelly, Chair
Maureen Goodspeed
John Kelly

St. Brigid Cemetery

Mike Kelly 613-692-4293

Our St. John Community

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